



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 864

LCO No. 3377



Referred to Committee on HIGHER EDUCATION AND
EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT

Introduced by:
(HED)

***AN ACT REQUIRING A STUDY OF THE USE OF MEDICAID TO
COVER THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE FOR COLLEGE
STUDENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) The Department of Social Services,
2 in collaboration with the Board of Regents for Higher Education and
3 The University of Connecticut, shall study the effectiveness of (1)
4 requiring state Medicaid to pay the cost of premiums for health
5 insurance sponsored by a constituent unit, as defined in section 10a-1
6 of the general statutes, and provide supplemental health insurance
7 coverage for students enrolled in a constituent unit who are (A) not
8 covered by any other health insurance plan, and (B) eligible for state
9 Medicaid benefits, and (2) prohibiting a student enrolled in a
10 constituent unit from opting out of health insurance sponsored by such
11 constituent unit for purposes of qualifying for state Medicaid benefits.
12 Not later than January 1, 2016, the department shall report on such
13 study, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
14 statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly

15 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and human
16 services. Such report shall include recommendations about whether
17 either option would be effective and, if so, which option would be
18 most effective.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To require a study of the effectiveness of (1) requiring state Medicaid to pay the cost of institution-sponsored health insurance premiums and provide supplemental coverage to medically indigent students enrolled in a constituent unit, or (2) prohibiting a student from opting out of institution-sponsored health insurance for purposes of qualifying for state Medicaid benefits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]